

case with the quite extensive and satisfactory list of words presented in the *Mission Scientifique du Cap Horn*.

The authors of the latter point out the important fact that of the 200 Yahgan (Teknika) words collected by Fitzroy in 1830-32, 120 are wholly erroneous, most of them belonging to the Alikuluf tongue.

In the report of Commander Giacomo Bove (*Patagonia, Terra del Fuoco, Mari Australi*, Parte i, Genova, 1883), there is a Yahgan vocabulary of 164 words. It also was obtained through the instrumentality of Mr. Brydges, and is satisfactorily accurate.

#### THE HONGOTE VOCABULARIES.

In my previous communication on Fuegian dialects, I quoted two short vocabularies from a MS. in the British Museum said to be from the "Hongote" language, and which, from the paper forming a part of a record relating to Patagonia, I took to be dialects of that region.

This is the first opportunity I have to correct this error. Dr. Franz Boas has pointed out to me that one vocabulary is clearly Salish, and must have been collected in Fuca strait on the north-west coast. He thinks it may be the Songish dialect, a name which remotely resembles "Hongote." How it came to form a part of a mass of documents relating with this exception wholly to South America, I cannot explain. The other he considers Tlinkit. Under such circumstances and in view of the hundreds of languages on the continent, it is easy to see how such a mistake could occur. I am glad to be able to correct it promptly.

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*Stated Meeting, April 1, 1892.*

Present, 17 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Royal Society of Victoria, Melbourne (135); Musée Colonial, Haarlem, Holland (136); Dr. Paul Albrecht, Hamburg, Germany (134); Prof. Guido Cora, Turin, Italy (135); Victoria Insti-

tute, London, England (136); Pennsylvania State College Agricultural Experiment Station (136).

The following societies were placed on the Proceedings exchange list: Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein für Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel, Prussia; American Institute of Electrical Engineers, New York, N. Y.; Sociedad Científica Argentina, Buenos Ayres; Agricultural Experiment Stations at Blackburg, Va., Burlington, Vt., College Station, Tex., Geneva, N. Y., Agricultural College, Mich., Baton Rouge, La., Newark, Del., and St. Anthony Park, Minn.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Government Observatory, Madras, India; Osservatorio Marittimo, Trieste, Austria; Biblioteca N. C. V. E., Rome, Italy; Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.; Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven; American Museum of Natural History, New York; Agricultural Experiment Station, Newark, Del.; Dr. Charles K. Mills, Philadelphia; Department of State, Bureau of Ethnology, Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Civil Service Commission, U. S. Lighthouse Board, Washington, D. C.; Agricultural Experiment Stations at Bryan, Tex., St. Anthony Park, Minn., Topeka, Kans.; Sociedad Científica Argentina, Buenos Ayres, S. A.; Deutscher Wissenschaften Verein, Santiago, Chili.

Dr. Ruschenberger read an obituary notice of the late Dr. Joseph Leidy.

The decease of the following members was announced: Dr. D. Hayes Agnew, Philadelphia, March 22, 1892, æt. 74; Ario Pardee, Hazleton, March 26, 1892, æt. 82.

The President subsequently appointed Dr. William Pepper to prepare the usual obituary notice of Dr. Agnew and W. A. Ingham that of Mr. Pardee.

Prof. Cope presented a communication upon "Some Little Known Palæozoic Vertebrates."

On motion, Dr. Cope's paper on "The Osteology of the Lacertilia," offered at the last meeting for the Transactions, was authorized to be printed in the Proceedings.

Pending nomination No. 1233 and new nomination No. 1241 were read.

The Curators reported progress in the matters committed to them by resolution of March 18.

The following resolutions offered by Mr. Bache at the last meeting then came up:

*Resolved.* That, if the funds of the Society permit, this room be now put in charge of a Committee, for the purpose of receiving such treatment as to its walls, ceiling and columns as accord with the character of the Society, and that the Society instruct the Curators to exclude from the cases everything but such printed matter as is desirable for ready reference, and from the floor any articles which are not conducive to the primary purpose in this room of convenience of the members of the Society.

The first resolution, referring to the decoration of the room, was withdrawn, and, owing to the lateness of the hour, the further consideration of the second resolution was postponed.

On motion of Dr. Hays, the Librarian was requested to remove from their present place of storage the books, MSS., etc., belonging to the Society.

The Committee appointed February 5, 1892, on the Columbian Celebration, was increased to five members, Dr. Ryder and Mr. Horner being added.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

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APRIL 15 falling on Good Friday, no meeting of the Society was held.

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*Stated Meeting, May 6, 1892.*

Present, 8 members.

Mr. RICHARD VAUX in the Chair.

Letters were received as follows:

A circular inviting subscriptions for the erection of a monument to Prof. G. A. Hirn, in Colmar, Alsace.